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Metalzoic: When Robots Rule!

It's a time when a group of ape-like robots dominate an entire planet. It's a planet, in fact, we're very familiar with, but only a few of us are left. Now creatures made of circuitry instead of blood rule, and they, in turn, are ruled by two awesome *living* mega-machines—*Armageddon and Amok. This is their story.*

Armageddon leads the Mekaka ape-like robotic creatures. *Amok,* leader of the Wheeldebeasts, is the repository for the darkest secrets of the world. Worshipped as a god, Amok towers over Armageddon in power because he possesses a very special knowledge. He knows where this time fits into all of time. ***Metalzoic*** unfolds the story of Armageddon's rise to supremacy and how his ascent is made possible.

Writer Pat Mills is widely known in Britain for his work on many IPC books including ***2000 A.D., Nemesis, The Warlock,*** and many others. His work on both ***Nemesis*** and ***Judge Dredd*** has been reprinted in the U.S.A. Artist Kevin O'Neill, who co-created ***Nemesis*** with Pat, fills every page of ***Metalzoic*** with amazingly complex graphic detail. Basing his creatures on traditional animal forms, Kevin develops them into very non-traditional and highly imaginative technological beings. Stylistically unprecedented, ***Metalzoic*** is a rare treat! *Don't miss it!*

July Listings

March 11th/April 3rd

Son of Ambush Bug #1 *mini-series—The big kickoff* to six surprising and hilarious issues! *Numero uno:* Ambush Bug's struggle to provide for his adopted son Cheeks is thwarted by a cosmic buttinsky! Scripted by *cleverists* Keith Giffen and Robert Loren Fleming, penciled by Giffen, inked by Bob Oksner. Cover by Giffen and Oksner.

DC Comics Presents #95—An invincible Thanagarian thrill-killer makes Superman his quarry! Scripters Tony Isabella and Alan Gold lead you into super-hero action *and* an ongoing Hawkman series! Illustrations by Richard Howell and Murphy Anderson. Cover by Anderson.

Justice League of America #252—Can Batman lead the League to victory against Despero? Written by Gerry Conway, penciled by Luke McDonnell, inked by Bill Wray. Cover by McDonnell and Wray.

Fury of Firestorm #49—Is Moonbow heroine or villain ... and will Firestorm find out the crucial answer before her career ends in death? By Gerry Conway. Penciled by Joe Brozowski and inked by Mike Machlan. Cover by Brozowski and Machlan.

Hex #11—In the nuclear-ravaged ruins of New York, Hex battles his deadliest nemesis—The Batman! Michael Fleisher introduces the Batman of the year 2050 A.D.! Penciled by Mark Texeira, inked by Carlos Garzon. Cover by Denys Cowan and Dick Giordano.

Tales of the Teen Titans #67—The elder Titan Thia wants to rule Olympus—it's Teen Titans *and* Titans of Myth against Giants. Script by Marv Wolfman. Inside art by José Luis Garcia-Lopez and Romeo Tanghal. Cover by George Pérez. *Originally presented in* ***The New Teen Titans #8.***

The Legend of Wonder Woman #3 *mini-series—Part 3 of 4!* A daring escape from Atomia's clutches—but Suzie is a rotten apple on Paradise Island! By Kurt Busiek and Trina Robbins.

Vigilante #31—Vigilante joins with the mob to save New York, while the law closes in on Adrian. By Paul Kupperberg, penciled by Chuck Patton, inked by Rick Magyar. Cover by Denys Cowan and Jim Sherman. *Deluxe format*

The Outsiders #9—Who is trying to kill Black Lightning's ex-wife? Script by Mike W. Barr. All art by Jim Aparo. *Deluxe format*

Roots of The Swamp Thing #1—Re-presenting Swamp Thing stories originally told in ***Swamp Thing #1 and #2.*** By Len Wein, illustrated by Berni Wrightson. ***New*** *wraparound painted cover* by Wrightson! *Deluxe reprint*

March 18th/April 10th

Batman #397—Two-Face is back and Gotham will never be the same. What's Batman going to do? By Doug Moench. All illustrations by Tom Mandrake.

Superman #421—Superman and Mr. Mxyzptlk become prisoners in a weird dimension resembling the world of ... *MTV!*?! By Cary Bates. Penciled by Curt Swan and inked by Dave Hunt. Cover by Denys Cowan.

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'Mazing Man #7—A beer-drinking duel in the neighborhood tavern! Maze stalks fireflies! Written by Bob Rozakis, penciled by Stephen DeStefano, inked by Karl Kesel. Cover by DeStefano and Kesel. ***Plus:*** Fred Hembeck's big debut!

Blue Beetle #2—The climactic conflagration between Blue Beetle and the Incendiary Man called Firefist! *Super-hero action as you've always wanted it!* Len Wein's script is penciled by Paris Cullins and inked by Bruce Patterson. Cover by Cullins and Patterson.

Elvira's House of Mystery™ #5—New! Improved! More shock and schlock with the *Mistress of the Dark*! By writer Paul Kupperberg. Penciled by Stan Woch and Kyle Baker. Cover by Mark Beachum and Baker.

G.I. Combat #284—The Mercenaries are hired to retrieve a sunken Viking galley vessel purported to hold a fortune in gold. By Bob Kanigher. Illustrated by Sam Glanzman. Cover by Joe Kubert.

Electric Warrior #3—Cursed by emotion, the rogue Warrior 9-03 is targeted for termination by elite z-Primes! By Doug Moench. All art by Jim Baikie. *Deluxe format*

Star Trek® #28—By Diane Duane, penciled and inked by Gray Morrow. Dr. McCoy is immersed in a major crisis and may *quit* Starfleet for good! Cover by Joe Brozowski and Ricardo Villagran.

Secret Origins #4 *maxi-series—Two men, one hero!* Delve into the explosive past that created Firestorm, the Nuclear Man. By Gerry Conway, George Tuska, and Pablo Marcos. Cover by Al Milgrom, *co-creator of Firestorm!*

The Legion of Super-Heroes #24—Last chance to guess who Sensor Girl really is! ***Plus:*** A Timber Wolf and Lightning Lass ***back-up!*** Script by Paul Levitz, pencils by Greg LaRocque, inks by Larry Mahlstedt. Cover by LaRocque and Mahlstedt. *Deluxe format*

Graphic Novel #7—Metalzoic—Enter Earth's Metalzoic era—a world where robotic creatures rule! This imaginative, finely crafted 64-page graphic novel is *like nothing you've ever seen before!* A totally unusual story by Pat Mills, with amazingly complex art by Kevin O'Neill.

N E W R E L E A S E S

March 25th/April 17th

Booster Gold #6*—*Origin issue! An alien crash-lands on Earth, seeking aid from Booster and Superman! Their new relationship redefines *explosive*! By Dan Jurgens and Mike DeCarlo. Cover by Jurgens and DeCarlo.

The Dark Knight #2 *mini-series*—***Book Two: Triumphant,*** by Frank Miller, Klaus Janson, and Lynn Varley. It's the Batman vs. the vicious Mutants in a battle to the death for Gotham City. ***Plus:*** Meet the new Robin! She's totally radical! *Comic-size graphic novel.*

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Green Lantern Corps #202 —Hal Jordan returns to Ferris Aircraft—while the rest of the Corps gets hit by ... *Truk!* Don't miss this new direction in a classic title. By Steve Englehart. Penciled by Joe Staton, inked by Mark Farmer. Cover by Staton and Bruce Patterson.

Blue Devil #26 —*Special baseball issue!* The Green Gargoyle preys on major league players and their fans! By Dan Mishkin and Gary Cohn. Penciled by Alan Kupperberg and inked by Bill Collins. Cover by Paris Cullins and Gary Martin.

Who's Who: The Definitive Directory of the DC Universe #17 *maxi-series*—Outsiders, Obsidian, Orion, Penguin, Paradise Island, Nightshade, and lots, lots more! By Peter Sanderson and E. Nelson Bridwell! Various artists. Cover by George Pérez and Dick Giordano.

Warlord #107—Shakira is made an offer she can't refuse. She must bear a monster's brood. An intriguing tale by Michael Fleisher and Ron Randall.

Swamp Thing #50—*The double-sized* ***conclusion*** *to "American Gothic."* Swamp Thing and ***DC's*** supernatural characters face a ***Crisis*** of their own! By Alan Moore. Penciled by Stephen Bissette and Rick Veitch. Inked by John Totleben. Cover by Bissette and Totleben.

The New Teen Titans #22—The second half of the Original Teen Titans against Cheshire as she attempts to disrupt a world summit meeting. By Marv Wolfman, penciller Eduardo Barreto, and inker Romeo Tanghal. Cover by George Pérez. *Deluxe format.*

Adventures of the Outsiders #35—One way or another, this says it all: The Outsiders vs. Adolf Hitler. Scripted by Mike W. Barr, penciled by Alan Davis, and inked by Paul Neary. Cover by Alan Davis.

Infinity, Inc. #28—Mr. Bones makes his bid at escape, while Carcharo takes over Helix. By Roy and Dann Thomas. Pencils by Todd McFarlane, inks by Tony DeZuniga. Cover by Denys Cowan and Kyle Baker. *Deluxe format.*

April 10th/April 24th

Detective #564 —Batman and Robin vs. Two-Face, and it's all up to a flip of a coin. By Doug Moench, penciled by Gene Colan, inked by Bob Smith. ***Plus: Green Arrow*** by Joey Cavalieri, Jerome Moore, and Dell Barras. Cover by Colan and Dick Giordano.

All-Star Squadron #59—Where does a robot find love? For Robotman, it's in the form of a reconstructed Mekanique! By Roy and Dann Thomas, penciled by Arvell Jones, inked by Vince Colletta. ***Back-up:*** The Spectre on Pluto! By Thomas, Ron Harris, and Mike Gustovich. Cover by Jones and Tony DeZuniga.

V™ #18—***Last issue!*** Elias must stop the woman he loves or be responsible for L.A.'s downfall! By Paul Kupperberg, penciled by Denys Cowan, inked by Dick Giordano. Cover by Cowan and Giordano.

Action #581 —Cary Bates and Kurt Schaffenberger's unique story allows you to observe a day through Superman's eyes! ***Extra!*** Michael J. Wolff and Kurt Schaffenberger reveal, *"Even a Superman Needs a Lawyer!"* Cover by Gil Kane.

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THE FURY OF
FIRESTORM
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WHO DOES MOONBOW BELIEVE SHE SHOULDN'T MESS WITH? THE MOB?!

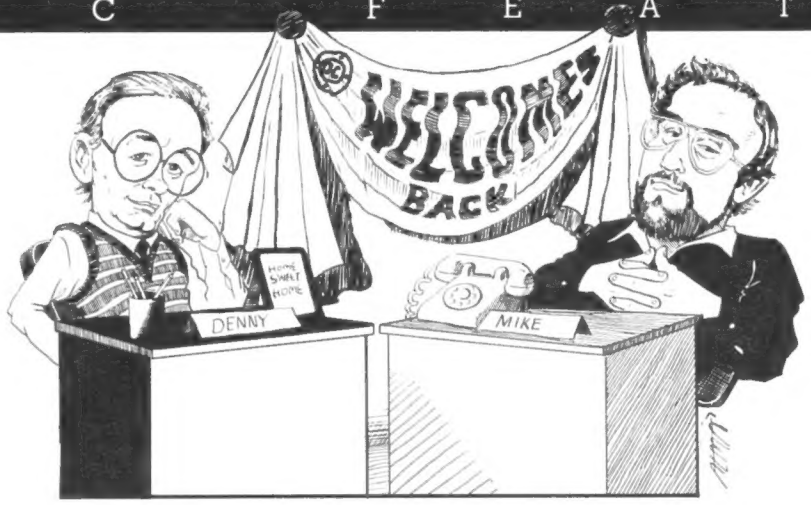
Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes #337—*"The More Things Change."* Written by Paul Levitz, penciled by Steve Lightle, and inked by Mike Machlan. ***Plus:*** *"The More Things Stay the Same,"* by Paul Levitz, Ernie Colón, and Larry Mahlstedt. Cover by Lightle.

DC Challenge #9—Metron and the Guardians try to figure it all out! By Roy Thomas, art by Don Heck. Cover by Denys Cowan and Bob Smith. *Deluxe format.*

Lords of the Ultra-Realm #2 *maxi-series*—Savage, in his new form as Falkon, faces the threat of the Prince of Madness. By Doug Moench. All art by Pat Broderick. *Deluxe format.*

The Shadow #3 *mini-series*—By Howard Chaykin. The die is cast as the Shadow hits New York after hours. The underground will never be the same! *Deluxe format.*

Last Days of the Justice Society of America Special #1 —The ultimate sequel to the first ***Crisis.*** The JSA battle the gods themselves to save ***post-Crisis*** Earth. By Roy Thomas, penciled by David Ross, inked by Mike Gustovich. Cover by Ross and Gustovich. *64 pages and no ads!*



Denny O'Neil

Now, where was I...? Oh, yeah. Downtown, working for the Big Guys. I don't really want to go into much detail, because if I did, I'd have to mention that I've been doing comics for more than 20 years, and that I'd had a tiny bit of a journalism career before that, and then you'd get the idea that I'm some sort of creaking relic. Which I may very well be, but I'm not about to admit it to *myself*, much less you. So I'll just mention that I worked for **DC** from 1968 to 1979, went editing for the aforementioned Big Guys until a month ago, and, finally, accepted Dick Giordano's invitation to rejoin **DC** as a Senior Editor.

Lots of familiar faces—Dick, Paul, Jenette, Murray, the ageless and wonderful Julie, Nelson ... And even more people I don't *know*. But I will soon and, I hope, well.

It feels good to be here. Feels right. Feels like home.

Mike Gold

There are a number of reasons why I'm excited about returning to **DC Comics**—of course, I have quite a few friends here, and my job as Senior Editor offers any number of stimulating challenges. But I think the main attraction this time around is the potential for getting involved with a roster of characters, each possessing a strong heritage.

That's a quality we don't see much of in American comics. You see it in other media, particularly in detective thrillers. Sherlock Holmes, Philip Marlowe, Hercule Poirot, Nero Wolfe, Mike Hammer—each character is the embodiment of a specific atmosphere that transcends its time. The same is true of Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Green Arrow, The Flash. These are characters that have lived and breathed for over a half century—together they share a heritage, apart each has his or her own destiny.

Being a member of the team that guides these heroes brings back that sense of wonder I had as a young comics reader, and it maintains the enthusiasm I have had as a comics fan.

Returning to **DC** is a lot of fun, but for me and, hopefully, for our readers, the fun is only beginning.

Swamp Thing #50

Double-Sized Anniversary Issue!

This is it! The ultimate face-off between good and evil! Over the past year and a half, we've watched Swamp Thing travel through the *dark soul of America* toward his mysterious destiny. And now, *"The End is Here"!* As the *American Gothic* concludes, Swamp Thing, Constantine, and all of **DC's** supernatural characters (including Deadman, Mento, The Spectre, Dr. Fate, Demon, Zatanna, Cain and Abel, and many mystical others) gather on a celestial plane!

The final tale of this fourteen-issue saga brings us to heaven—the setting for last year's award-winning ***Swamp Thing Annual.*** This awe-inspiring ***conclusion*** to *American Gothic* also marks Bissette and Totleben's last issue as a team! So, if you miss this one, you're missing a *monumental* event!

Anarchy at Its Best!

He's back! I mean, we *think* he's back. I mean, we *hope* he's back. Okay. Time to level with you... ***Son of Ambush Bug's premiere issue*** is besieged with problems! For instance, none of ***DC's*** super-heroes wants to be in it! And, as if that weren't obstacle enough, there's an evil force that's stopping ***Son of Ambush Bug's*** book at every turn. In fact, a word of warning: As you pause to wipe away tears of hysterical laughter, don't be surprised if the page you're reading disintegrates!

If ***Son of Ambush Bug*** does triumph, however, you'll discover the final state of *Jonni DC*, you'll get to meet the *Ambush Corp*, you'll see *Ambush Bug* and *Cheeks* fight off a cosmic buttinsky—and much, much more!

In number one of this *six-part mini-series*, character and series creator Keith Giffen joins artistic forces with writer Robert Loren Fleming and artist Bob Oksner to bring you the ultimate in comic book parody and satire! So get it today before it disappears off the shelves! *(In fact, buy two copies. Bob and Keith can use the money!)*

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